PATENT Customer No. 22,852 Attorney Docket No. 02886.0095

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Akio SATO et al.)) Group Art Unit: 4118
Application No.: 10/562,574)) Examiner: Hung D. NGUYEN `
Filed: 12/27/2005))
For: LASER-CLAD PROCESSING APPARATUS AND LASER-CLAD PROCESSING METHOD) Confirmation No.: 7889)

Mail-Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION

In reply to the Office Action mailed December 30, 2008, the period for response extending through March 30, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Specification are included in this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings are included in the attached replacement drawing sheets.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims in this paper.

Remarks/Arguments follow the amendment sections of this paper.

Attachments to this amendment include replacement sheets of Fig. 24 and 25.